









**MAINE NEWS.**  
FROM THE STATE CAPITOL.  
Dolings of the Legislature.

**FROM FARMINGTON.**  
FARMINGTON, Jan. 21. A fearful north-westerly gale is reported from North Farmington. As the down train on the Portland and Kennebec Railroad was passing through Salem one car was blown completely over on its side and had to be left by the truck. Nobody was injured. The train on the River Railroad has just left here, with two engines and a flange digger, but no passenger car will be taken on. It is the worst gale reported for years. It is not very cold however.

**Narrow Escape from Another Conflagration.**  
Drummond Hall, a large wooden building on Broadway opposite the State House, caught fire from a defective chimney about 8 o'clock this morning and but for our new fire engine had resulted as a fierce conflagration. The fire was confined to the upper part of the building, which is gutted. The first floor of the block is occupied by Lincoln & Richards, dry goods, Byron Farrah, harness maker, and L. G. Preston, meat market. The second floor by L. L. Marble's billiard hall and Frank A. Davis, furniture. All of these stocks are badly damaged by water and heavy removal. Losses and insurance not learned.

**THE CROCKETT MURDER TRIAL.**  
Testimony of the Marston Men's Daughter.  
RELIANCE, Jan. 21. The trial of the Crockett murder case is progressing slowly and will last into next week. The examination of Nellie E. Crockett, the daughter of the deceased by a former wife, a bright girl of 12 years, occupied the forenoon. She testified that on returning from school on the afternoon of her father's sickness Mrs. Crockett told her not to enter the room which she had been told to enter from dinner for her luncheon and threw them out of the window. Her father was in much distress. He said the apples at dinner tasted funny and that the tea made his mouth and throat smart. Mrs. Crockett said she had not eaten any dinner. She was not alone in the room. Witnesses denied the quarrel between her father and the deceased. Mrs. Crockett said she had not seen her father since he died. She lived long enough to see the examination of the deceased. Several neighbors, men and women, testified that last spring and summer during the temporary separation of Mrs. Crockett from her husband, she said that she would never live with him again; that she longed to, or could, see him draw his last breath; did not care if he died and would not help him if he was dying. Mrs. Nellie E. Small, Mrs. Julia A. Ryan and Mrs. Mary J. Knowlton, neighbors, heard her say the day of his death that she had got rid of two husbands and would not be bothered with another.

**MAINE PRESS ASSOCIATION.**  
Second Day Proceedings.  
AUGUSTA, Jan. 21. The Maine Press Association today selected George H. Watkins, of Portland, as essayist for the evening year, and Anna Sargent Hunt, of Augusta, as poet. For the summer excursion the Burlington and Fort Chaplain route was selected, and the time set for the second week in July. This afternoon the literary exercises occurred in the Senate chamber, consisting of an essay by Albion E. Chase of Portland, on "William Caxton, the first English printer," and a poem entitled "Our old time Journalists." My idea of them, and their opinion of them, by George A. Quimby, (Our George) Belfast. Speeches were made by Hon. Hannibal Hamlin and other honorary members. This evening Howard Owen, Esq., President of the Association, received the members at his house on Sewall street.

**FROM BIDDFORD.**  
BIDDFORD, Jan. 21. [Hugh Archibald and James Senior, Portland men, engaged in repairs on the Eastern Railroad bridge, were seriously injured by falling timbers to-day. Their recovery is doubtful.]

**FROM LEWISTON.**  
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